

3. A nonwoven composite according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the nonwoven web is formed by carding and subsequent needling or by hydroentanglement.
4. A nonwoven composite according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the nonwoven web is spunbonded material.
5. A nonwoven composite according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 4] wherein the basis weight of the nonwoven web is [from] in the range of 20 gm⁻² to 150 gm⁻².
6. A nonwoven composite according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 5] wherein the second fibrous layer is formed from a pulp of cellulosic fibres.
8. A nonwoven composite according to claim 7 [which comprises, as] wherein the vegetable fibres[,] comprise abaca, jute, sisal or a mixture thereof.
9. A nonwoven composite according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 8] wherein the second fibrous layer is formed by an airlaying process or a wetlaying process.
10. A nonwoven composite according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 9] wherein the basis weight of the second fibrous layer is [from] in the range of 20 gm⁻² to 70 gm⁻².
11. A nonwoven composite according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 10] wherein the textile-treating agent [is] comprises at least one of a siloxane polymer, a siloxane copolymer[,] or an organofunctional siloxane [or a mixture of two or more of these].
12. A nonwoven composite according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 11 which] wherein the treating agent comprises 3 to 7% by weight of silicone [treating agent, as silicone,] relative to the total dry weight of fibres.

13. A nonwoven composite according to claim [12 which] 1 wherein the treating agent comprises 3.5 to 6.5%[,] by weight of silicone [treating agent, as silicone,] relative to the total dry weight of fibres.

14. A nonwoven composite according to claim [13 which] 1 wherein the treating agent comprises 4 to 5.5%[,] by weight of silicone [treating agent, as silicone,] relative to the total dry weight of fibres.

15. A process for the production of a nonwoven composite in which a second fibrous layer is hydroentangled into a first fibrous layer that is in the form of a nonwoven web, and the [resultant structure is] entangled layers are treated with at least one textile-treating agent selected from silicones, derivatives of silicones and quaternary ammonium compounds, wherein [the] an active-ingredient level in the treating agent amounts to at least 3% by weight of the solids in the untreated composite.

16. A process according to claim 15 for the production of a nonwoven composite [according to any of claims 2 to 14] wherein the treating agent comprises 3 to 7% by weight of silicone relative to the total dry weight of fibres.

17. A nonwoven composite according to claim 1, further [An article] comprising a moulded body[,] and a decorative facing material [and], wherein the nonwoven composite is disposed between [them, a nonwoven composite according to any of claims 1 to 14 or a nonwoven composite produced by a process according to claim 15 or 16] the moulded body and the decorative facing material to form an article.

18. [A moulded] An article[,] according to claim 17, wherein a form layer is disposed between the decorative facing material and the nonwoven composite.

19. A method of manufacturing an article in which a decorative facing material is placed within a mould [space], a nonwoven material is located adjacent said facing material on [the] a side remote from [the] a show surface of the facing material and a thermoplastic resin is introduced into [the] a space defined by [the] a mould wall and [the] a surface of the nonwoven material remote from the [decorative] facing material, wherein the nonwoven material [is a composite according to any of claims 1 to 14 or a composite produced by a process according to claim 15 or 16] comprises a nonwoven composite comprising a first fibrous layer in the form of a nonwoven web to which a second fibrous layer is joined by fibre entanglement and further comprises at least one textile-treating agent selected from silicones, derivatives of silicones and quaternary ammonium compounds, the treating agent comprising an active-ingredient level of at least 3% by weight of the solids in the untreated composite.

Add the following claim:

--20. A nonwoven composite comprising a first nonwoven layer of fibers overlaid by a second nonwoven layer of fibers, at least some of the fibers of the second layer being entangled with the fibers of the first layer, the nonwoven composite further including a treating agent comprising 3 to 7% by weight of silicone relative to the total dry weight of fibres, wherein the nonwoven composite has a dry grain value within 25% of a dry grain value of the first layer by itself.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claim 20 has been added. No claims have been canceled. Claims 1-6 and 8-19 have been amended. The amendments to claims 3,4 and 6 are for the purpose of eliminating multiple dependencies to reduce fees. Accordingly, Applicants assert that the amendments to claims 3,4 and 6 do not constitute a narrowing within the meaning of Festo Corp. v.